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| Applicants | Beat Krattiger, <i>et al.</i> |
| Application No. 10/694,577 | Filing Date: October 27, 2003 |
| Title of Application: | Optical Instrument, in Particular an Endoscope, Having an Interchangeable Head |
| Confirmation No. 3456 | Art Unit: 3739 |
| Examiner | John P. Leubecker |

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Response To Notice Of Incomplete Species Election

This is a response to the notice of incomplete response, dated March 17, 2006, to the Examiner's species election requirement, dated December 5, 2005.

Applicants hereby elect the Species of second transmission system with optics arranged in the interchangeable head and shaft. Applicants submit that claims 1-4, 7 and 17 are readable on the elected species. Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1 is generic to all species in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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